



**American University of Beirut**  
**English 226: Contemporary American Literature**  
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**Final Examination**

Discuss ONE of the following questions in a well-organized and well-written essay.

1. With reference to "Middle Passage," *Beloved*, and *The Woman Warrior* OR *The Way to Rainy Mountain*, discuss the theme of the reclamation of history and memory in American ethnic literature.
2. Explore the relationship between travel, self-discovery, and spiritual growth in *The Woman Warrior*, *The Way to Rainy Mountain* and "Questions of Travel" OR "Middle Passage."
3. "Postmodern texts stress the constructed/discursive nature of knowledge, reality, and identity." Discuss with reference to *Beloved*, *The Way to Rainy Mountain*, and "Loose Ends" OR "Illustration."

**Good Luck!**